PTA General Body Meeting August 16, 2018

Approximately 66 members present

Su Wright opening remarks, 6:10 PM.

Mr. Okorie Johnson - new Director of Culture and Equity. Three areas of focus: community health, traditional equity work (meet commitments to students and teachers re: gender, ableness, race, etc.), and maintaining relationship between Villages and the school.

Su introduced Board Members.

Erika discussed upcoming events thru the end of September - cocktail party, EA principal coffee, Welcome All Wednesday, Kirkwood dine-out, Fall Festival, SA coffee, JA coffee. Member suggestion for staggering coffees (AM and PM) to make it easier to attend different academy events. Fern arrangement fundraiser. Erin Green - community library installation in front of East Lake Villages leasing office. Book drive ongoing.

Heather Lakes went thru budget.
Question about rollover of starting balance for cushion to cover expenses of summer. Answer - income usually exceeds budgeted amount.
Question about revisiting budget as we see how income matches up with expenses. Answer - amendments to budget can be made. Also suggestion for rolling timeline throughout year for actual income/expense report.
Question about consequences for non-approval of budget. Answer - this would require drawing up a new budget and approval by executive board.
Staci motioned for approval with second. Hand count 66 in favor, none against. Budget was approved.
Question about timing of PTA meetings and lack of accessibility for people's schedules. Answer - perhaps a survey. Attach meeting to school event. Have a meeting on the JA/SA steps after school.
Question about how parents can find out where help is needed most. Answer - help with what is important to you. PTA is using all available communication channels. Opportunities are all listed on website and included in PTA emails. PTA is focusing on service as well as social events.
Member suggestion for Drew app for phones/tablets. Answer - school has hired Director of Strategy to work on that.

Meeting adjourned 7:05.